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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 April 2001.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 30 April 2001 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-20 have been examined.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 6 and 15 are objected to because of the following informalities: "a configuration file associated the first program" on line 5 of the claim should be "a configuration file associated **with** the first program". Appropriate correction is required.
3. Claim 16 is objected to because of the following informalities: "wherein the commands are input" on line 1 of the claim should be "wherein the commands are **inputted**". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
5. Claims 9 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 9 and 18 recites the limitation "using **the** Integrated Development Environment" in lines 1-2 of the claim. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. This limitation is interpreted as "using **an** Integrated Development Environment".

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

7. Claims 1-6, 8-15 and 17-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Gorshkov (U.S. 6,490,721).

Per Claim 1:

The Gorshkov patent discloses:

- **a method for augmenting a debugger having debugging functionality used to debug a first program** (“A first aspect of the invention is a method for debugging a computer program comprising the steps of developing a debugging subprogram having a user action for debugging a target program, loading the target program for execution, inserting a call to the debugging subprogram into a memory image of the target program during the loading step, and executing the target program.” in column 2, lines 58-64)

- **providing the debugger; providing a second program having second-program functionality** (“Figure 1 illustrates the primary components of the preferred embodiment. Target program 10 is the existing program in executable format that is to be debugged. … User

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action libraries 12 are created by compiling one or more debugging subprograms 16 (containing user actions) into linkable libraries (similar to Dynamic Link Library (DLL) in a Windows™ environment). This compiling procedure is accomplished by action compiler 14 which compiles the source code of subprograms 16, which are written in ANSI C for example, into machine code of user action libraries 12. These files together with target program 10 are input to dynamic action linker 18. ... Dynamic action linker 18 reads target program 10 and user action libraries 12 and creates two processes. A first process 20 created by dynamic action linker 18 consists of target program 10 and the debugging user actions needed from user action libraries 12. A second process 22 created by dynamic action linker 18 handles requests from process 20, to modify code locations in process 20 as described in detail below.” in column 3, lines 29-53)

- and providing integration code for analyzing commands used to debug the first program, and invoking appropriate pieces of code to perform tasks in responding to such commands; wherein the appropriate pieces of code are selected from one or a combination of functionality provided in a library, the debugging functionality, and the second-program functionality (“In step E, child process 22 has received the acknowledgment from parent process 20 of a successful attachment and continues on to patch into parent process 40 a call to the dynamic user actions runtime start routines, i.e. the debugging actions. In particular, calls to user actions in user action libraries 12 are inserted in the memory image of target program 10 (which is running as will be seen below) and user action libraries 12 are loaded into RAM in a separate area. In step F, child process waits for a new request for patching service from parent process 20. In step G, child process 22 has received a request from parent process 20 and executed the

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request. Steps F and G are repeated until the task is terminated by parent process 20 ... FIG. 3 illustrates Step E of FIG. 2, i.e., patching of dynamic user actions into target program 10 in detail. Child process 22 created by dynamic action linker 18 must patch the memory image of target program 10 so that it will call the newly loaded user action routines. In step E1, child process 22 allocates space for the patch in the patch area in parent process 20. In step E2, child process 22 replaces an instruction (or instructions) at the requested program location with a branch instruction to the patch area. In step E3, child process 22 generates code to call the user action." in column 3, line 67 to column 4, lines 1-13; and column 4, lines 29-38).

Per Claim 2:

The Gorshkov patent discloses:

- further comprises the step of using an instrumentor as the second program (column 4, lines 29-38).

Per Claim 3:

The Gorshkov patent discloses:

- further comprises the step of using a first piece of code having the appropriate pieces of code to perform the tasks (column 4, lines 29-38).

Per Claim 4:

The Gorshkov patent discloses:

- **further comprises the step of making the first piece of code an executable part of the first program** (column 4, lines 29-38).

Per Claim 5:

The Gorshkov patent discloses:

- **further comprises the step of using a trampoline as the first piece of code** (column 4, lines 29-38).

Per Claim 6:

The Gorshkov patent discloses:

- **wherein the commands are selected from one or a combination of: input from a user using the debugger; a script file associated with the first program; and a configuration file associated with the first program** (column 3, lines 29-53).

Per Claim 8:

The Gorshkov patent discloses:

- further comprises the steps of: integrating the debugger, the instrumentor, and the integration code into a combined code; and embedding the combined code into a language environment (column 3, lines 29-44).

Per Claim 9 (as best understood):

The Gorshkov patent discloses:

- further comprises the step of using an Integrated Development Environment as the language environment (column 3, lines 29-44).

Per Claims 10-15, 17 & 18 (as best understood):

These are system versions of the claimed method discussed above (claims 1-6 and 8-9, respectively), wherein all claim limitations also have been addressed and/or covered in cited areas as set forth above. Thus, accordingly, these claims are also anticipated by Gorshkov.

Per Claims 19-20:

These are computer-readable medium versions of the claimed method discussed above (claims 1-2, respectively), wherein all claim limitations also have been addressed and/or covered in cited areas as set forth above. Thus, accordingly, these claims are also anticipated by Gorshkov.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

8. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

9. Claims 7 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gorshkov (U.S. 6,490,721) in view of Kim (U.S. 6,003,143).

Per Claim 7:

The rejection of claim 1 is incorporated, and further, Gorshkov does not explicitly teach the step of inputting the commands at a debugging prompt provided by the debugger. Kim teaches the step of inputting the commands at a debugging prompt provided by the debugger (column 9, lines 36-67).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the computer art at the time of the invention was made to modify the method disclosed by Gorshkov to include the step of inputting the commands at a debugging prompt provided by the debugger using the teaching of Kim. The modification would be obvious because one of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to allow users to interactively debug as the program is running (Kim, column 3, lines 13-20).

Per Claim 16:

This is a system version of the claimed method discussed above, claim 7, wherein all claim limitations also have been addressed and/or covered in cited areas as set forth above. Thus, accordingly, this claim is also obvious.

Conclusion

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Qamrun Nahar whose telephone number is (703) 305-7699. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 6:30 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kakali Chaki, can be reached on (703) 305-9662. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or processing is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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